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**Approved**  
**Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate**  
**December 15, 2011; 1:30**  
**St. Mary's Hall Rm 113B**

**Present:** Paul Benson, George Doyle, Jonathan Hess, Emily Hicks, Carolyn Phelps, Rebecca Wells

**Absent:** Corinne Daprano, Jesse Grewal, Antonio Mari, Leno Pedrotti, Joseph Saliba, Andrea Seielstad

**Guests:** James Farrelly, Thomas Skill

**Opening Meditation:** Rebecca Wells provided the opening meditation.

Quorum was not met, thus no official business was conducted.

**Announcements:**

- No meeting will held on 12/22/11
- ECAS meeting are scheduled for 1.5 hours for Spring term, meeting Mondays 1:30-3:00
- Hess is working to change the date of the consultation discussion with the Provost and President in anticipation that one hour will not be sufficient.
- Sign-up sheet for spring opening meditations was passed around

**Discussion**

The University Mission and Identity Task Force has generated documents for dissemination across campus. Paul Vanderburgh would like an opportunity to share and talk about these documents with the Senate as part the campus outreach. Skill described the documents as overall goals of the President which could then become action items for the Senate; however, at this time, they do not call for specific action by the Senate. Thus at this time, they do not need to be presented at a formal meeting of the Senate. Vanderburgh has suggested a wine and cheese meeting/reception sometime in February. It was decided that this be called a special meeting of the Senate. Hess will upload the documents to porches so that senators can review them prior to the meeting.

Time and agenda for the January Senate meeting were discussed. Due to conflict with moving the Senate meeting to 1/27/12, it was decided that the meeting should stay at the original date, 1/20/12. As a result, the majority of administration representatives will be absent from the meeting; they will be in attendance at the board meeting in Texas. Although this is not ideal, it was noted that they have already seen the documents under discussion and contributed input during committee discussions. Additionally, they could share their input with members who will be in attendance. It is also likely that P. Donnelly will be in attendance at the Senate meeting. Agenda items for the meeting include the documents regarding titles and intellectual property rights. A report on the maternity leave policy will also be presented. Potential agenda items include the document on teaching evaluations and a report on the honor code. Changes to the teaching evaluation document have been circulated by the FAC. Benson reported that he has seen the revisions and they appear pretty good. Benson recommended that, because the Provost will not be at the

meeting, a report on the consultation discussion should wait until the next Senate meeting. Hess will distribute a draft of the agenda to ECAS.

Discussion of the UNRC continued. Decisions regarding processes for populating the committee continued. Hess reviewed the ECAS charge to the UNRC which stated that the UNRC should be comprised of at least 4 faculty members; it said nothing regarding representation. Wells indicated that in the initial email used to recruit members regarding the UNRC indicated that those individuals would draft the bylaws *and* would serve as the first UNRC. However, several of those individuals have left the committee since the creation of the bylaws. Currently, there are more than four volunteers for the committee – two from the College, one from Libraries, one from SOEAP, and one from Engineering. ECAS is still waiting to hear from the School of Business.

Hess will develop a charge to the FAC regarding the issue of summer tuition.

CAP Competency Committee has posed several questions regarding assessment: where does it take place; who does the assessment; the specific purpose of assessment. Phelps was encouraged to discuss the questions with Hunley, Santamarina, and Pair in preparation for discuss in APC. It was also recommended that Bickford could be a good resource for this discussion. Skill suggested that since it is integrating material among the department, assessment will need to take place at the departmental level. He reminded ECAS that accreditation is coming in 2014 thus we need to be very clear about assessment with respect to the CAP.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by C. Phelps